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SUBJECT: YEMANI DELEGATION VISIT TO BULGARIA

1. VISIT TO SOFIA JANUARY 26-29 BY PEOPLE'S
DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF YEMEN PARTY AND GOVERNMENT DELEGATION
LED BY ABD AL-FATTAH ISMA'IL, MEMBER OF PRESIDENTIAL
COUNCIL AND SECRETARY-GENERAL OF NATIONAL FRONT
PRODUCED LITTLE OF APPARENT IMPORTANCE. PROTOCOL
FOR EXPANSION OF BILATERAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS
AND PLAN FOR COOPERATION BETWEEN BCP AND NATIONAL
FRONT IN 1976-77 WERE SIGNED, BUT FOLLOWING USUAL
BULGARIAN PRACTICE NO DETAILS OF AGREEMENTS WERE
PUBLISHED. AGREEMENT ON EXPANDED TIES IN FIELDS
OF CULTURE, SCIENCE, AND ART WAS ALSO REPORTEDLY
ACHIEVED, AND ZHIVKOV ACCEPTED AN INVITATION TO
VISIT YEMAN AT SOME UNSPECIFIED TIME.

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2. JOINT COMMUNIQUE PUBLISHED JANUARY 30 STATED VIEWS OF BOTH COUNTRIES ON INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS "ARE IDENTICAL OR CLOSE". UNORIGINAL POSITIONS ON PLO, ISRAEL, CYPRUS AND ANGOLA WERE REFORMULATED. EVENTS IN LEBANON WERE SEEN AS PART OF "IMPERIALIST AND ZIONIST PLOTS" AIMED AT LIQUIDATING PALESTINE RESISTANCE MOVEMENT AND PARTITIONING COUNTRY. DETENTE, WORLD-WIDE DISARMAMENT, AND CUBE RECEIVED STRONG SUPPORT.

3. IN DINNER REMARKS, ISMA'IL STATED "AMERICAN IMPERIALISM" HAD SUFFERED SUCCESSIVE BLOWS IN MILITARY, ECONOMIC, AND POLITICAL FIELDS, CITING VIETNAM, UN, AND VICTORIES OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN "ELIMINATING DOMINATION OF AMERICAN AND WORLD MONOPOLIES." BULGARIAN HOSTS REFRAINED FROM SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO US IN PUBLISHED REMARKS.

4. COMMENT: EMBASSY HAS IMPRESSION PRESS COVERAGE WAS A LITTLE LESS WARM AND EXTENSIVE THAN MIGHT HAVE BEEN EXPECTED, BUT THIS IS VERY SUBJECTIVE APPRAISAL. ALSO COMMUNIQUE STATEMENT THAT VIEWS ON INTERNATIONAL QUESTIONS "ARE IDENTICAL OR CLOSE" AND ZHIVKOV'S PLEDGE TO ASSIST YEMAN "WITHIN LIMITS OF (BULGARIA'S) POSSIBILITIES" RING A LITTLE STRANGE WHEN USED WITH SEMI-FRATERNAL PARTY AND GOVERNMENT. THERE IS NO SUBSTANTIVE INFORMATION, HOWEVER, TO INDICATE VISIT WENT ANYTHING BUT SMOOTHLY. END COMMENT.

5. RABOTNICHESKO DELO EDITORIAL JANUARY 31 STATES THAT A FACTORY FOR TOMATO PULP, SLAUGHTERHOUSE, TANNING FACTORY, "AND OTHERS" HAVE BEEN BUILT IN YEMEN WITH BULGARIAN CREDITS FOR COMPLETE EQUIPMENT. IT ALSO SAYS BULGARIAN SPECIALISTS ARE WORKING ON BUILDING OF IRRIGATION SYSTEM "DELTA ABIYAN", WHICH IS MOST IMPORTANT PROJECT OF YEMAN'S FIRST FIVE-YEAR PLAN.
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